COMMISSIONERS COURT OF UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020
10:00AM REGULAR SESSION

Commissioners met in regular session with all Commissioners present.

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1. **Invocation and Pledges**
   Prayer said by Gene Dolle
   Pledges said by Dustin Nicholson

2. **Consider and take action on approval of:**

   A. **The minutes of the previous meeting:**
   B. **Payroll changes:**
   C. **Payroll: Covid Relief Overtime**
   D. **Budget amendments:**
   E. **Accounts Payable:**
      Expense Approval Report:
   F. **Accept for recording: Auditor reports; Treasurer reports; Bonds; Oaths; Deputations; Certificates; State and County Taxes Summary; refund of overpayment or erroneous tax payments in excess of $2500.00; Reimbursement Affidavit (Re: Employee reimbursement for Medicare); and applications for use of Upshur County roads and rights-of way and permit request.**

   Motion to approve and record items A-F made by Frank Berka
   Second by Jay W. Miller
   Paula Gentry, Dustin Nicholson, Frank Berka, Jay W. Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
   Motion approved.
   Copies attached.

3. **Discuss and take action to appoint a Commissioner to replace Commissioner Paula Gentry on the ETCOG (East Texas Council of Government) Executive Committee Board of Directors.**

Motion to appoint Dustin Nicholson to the ETCOG Executive Committee Board of Directors made by Frank Berka
Second by Jay W. Miller
Paula Gentry, Dustin Nicholson, Frank Berka, Jay W. Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approved.

4. **Discuss and take action to purchase two AED's from the Courthouse Security Funds with one to be placed at the Upshur County Courthouse and one at the Upshur County Justice Center.**

Motion to approve the purchase of two AED's out of the Courthouse Security Fund with one to be placed at the Upshur County Courthouse and one at the Justice Center made by Dustin Nicholson
Second by Jay W. Miller
Paula Gentry, Dustin Nicholson, Frank Berka, Jay W. Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approved.

5. **Discuss and take action to approve the scheduling of Carter mobile blood drive by the Upshur County Health Coalition to be held on the Square on the following dates in 2021: Friday, January 22, 2021; Friday, April 16, 2021; Friday, July 16, 2021; and Friday, December 16, 2021.**

Motion to approve scheduling the Carter mobile blood drive to be held on the Square on the dates listed above made by Frank Berka
Second by Jay W. Miller
Paula Gentry, Dustin Nicholson, Frank Berka, Jay W. Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approved.

6. **Discuss and take action to appoint the Upshur County Historical Commission Board.**

Motion to appoint Gwen Jewett, Deborah Deaz, Gabriel Escalante, Ike Fluellen, Mary Kirby, Eddie Turner and Patsy Williams to the Upshur County Historical Commission Board made by Jay W. Miller
Second by Dustin Nicholson
Paula Gentry, Dustin Nicholson, Frank Berka, Jay W. Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approved.
Copy attached.

7. **The court will go into CLOSE/EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss:**
   - **A. Personnel matters relative to the COVID-19 pandemic, ie., the payment of overtime pay due to substitute employees who work overtime to cover an absent employee due to COVID-19; and**
   - **B. To discuss the Opioid Distribution and Term sheet with our attorney Reid Martin;**

   Pursuant to Chapters 551, 551.071, 551.074, and 551.0745 of the Texas Government code.

8. **Court will re-convene into open session and take any action necessary as a result of Closed Session on items 9 and 10.**

9. **Discuss and take action to approve an addendum to the Upshur County Employee Handbook, Section 2A-11 authorizing payment of, and not credit for, overtime compensation to patrol officers, dispatchers and jailers who work overtime due to COVID-19 absences.**

No action due to lack of motion.

10. **Discuss and take action to approve a Resolution requested by the Office of the Attorney General and Special Counsel supporting the adoption of Texas Term Sheet in relation to distribution of Opioid-related expenditures and damages, as promulgated by the Opioid Abatement Council.**

Motion to adopt the Opioid Resolution in support of the Opioid Litigation made by Jay W. Miller
Second by Frank Berka
Paula Gentry, Dustin Nicholson, Frank Berka, Jay W. Miller and Judge Tefteller voted for.
Motion approved
Copy attached.

11. **Adjourn.**

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Attest: Terri Ross, Upshur County Clerk

Attendance sheet placed into minutes for recording purposes only.
Bills previously approved placed into minutes for recording purposes only.
Jury payroll placed into minutes for recording purposes only.